

DRILLED SHAFTS

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Description. This work shall consist of all labor, materials, equipment and services necessary to complete the drilled shaft installation according to the details and dimensions shown on the plans, this specification and as directed by the Engineer.

Submittals. The Contractor shall submit the following:

(a) **Qualifications.** At the time of the preconstruction conference, the Contractor shall provide the following documentation:

- (1) A list containing at least 3 projects completed within the 3 years prior to this project's bid date which the Contractor performing this work has installed drilled shafts of similar diameter, length and site conditions to those shown in the plans. The list of projects shall contain names and phone numbers of owner's representatives who can verify the Contractor's participation on those projects.
- (2) Name and experience record of the drilled shaft supervisor, responsible for all facets of the shaft installation, and the drill operator(s) who will be assigned to this project. The supervisor and driller shall each have a minimum of 3 years experience in the construction of drilled shafts.
- (3) A signed statement that the drilled shaft supervisor has inspected both the project site and all the subsurface information available. In addition to the subsurface information in the contract documents, rock core specimens and/or geotechnical reports, when available, should be requested for evaluation.

(b) **Installation Procedure.** A submittal detailing the installation procedure will be required for all drilled shafts, unless directed otherwise by the Engineer. The Contractor, meeting the above qualifications, shall prepare the installation procedure, addressing all items shown below and will be responsible for directing all aspects of the shaft construction. The installation procedure shall be submitted to the Engineer at least 45 days prior to drilled shaft construction and shall address each of the following items:

- (1) List of proposed equipment to be used including cranes, drill rigs, augers, belling tools, casing, core barrels, bailing buckets, final cleaning equipment, slurry equipment, tremies or concrete pumps, etc.
- (2) Details of the overall construction operation sequence, equipment access, and the sequence of individual shaft construction within each substructure bent or footing group. The submittal shall address the Contractor's proposed time delay and/or the minimum concrete strength necessary before initiating a shaft excavation adjacent to a recently installed drilled shaft.

- (3) A step by step description of how the Contractor anticipates the shaft excavation to be advanced based on their evaluation of the subsurface data and conditions expected to be encountered. This sequence shall note the method of casing advancement, anticipated casing lengths, tip elevations and diameters, the excavation tools used and drilled diameters created. The Contractor shall indicate whether wet or dry drilling conditions are expected or if the water table will be sealed from the excavation.
- (4) When slurry is proposed, details covering the measurement and control of the hardness of the mixing water, agitation, circulation, de-sanding, sampling, testing and chemical properties of the slurry shall be submitted.
- (5) Method(s) and sequence proposed for the shaft cleaning operation as well as recommendations on how the shaft excavation will be inspected under the installation conditions anticipated.
- (6) Details of reinforcement placement including cage centralization devices to be used and method to maintain proper elevation and plan location of cage within the shaft excavation during concrete placement. The method(s) of adjusting the cage length if rock is encountered at an elevation other than as estimated in the plans.
- (7) Details of concrete placement including proposed operational procedures for free fall, tremie or pumping methods. The sequence and method of casing removal shall also be stated along with the top of pour elevation, and method of forming through water above streambed.
- (8) The proposed concrete mix design(s).

The Engineer will evaluate the drilled shaft installation plan and notify the Contractor of acceptance, or if additional information is required, or if there are concerns with the installation's effect on the existing or proposed structure(s).

Materials. The materials used for the construction of the drilled shaft shall satisfy the following requirements:

- (a) The drilled shaft portland cement concrete shall be according to Section 1020, except the mix design shall be as follows:
 - (1) A Type I or II cement shall be used at 395 kg/cu m (665 lb/cu yd). When specified in the plans that soil and ground water sulfate contaminates exceed 500 parts per million, a Type V cement shall be required.
 - (2) Class C or F fly ash may replace Type I or II cement. The cement replacement shall not exceed 15 percent by mass (weight) at a minimum replacement ratio of 1.5:1. The fly ash shall not be used in combination with ground granulated blast- furnace slag.

- (3) Grade 100 or 120 ground granulated blast-furnace slag may replace Type I or II cement. The cement replacement shall not exceed 25 percent by mass (weight) at a minimum replacement ratio of 1:1. The ground granulated blast-furnace slag shall not be used in combination with fly ash.
- (4) The maximum water/cement ratio shall be 0.44.
- (5) The mortar factor shall be a value which produces a coarse aggregate content comprising between 55 and 65 percent of total aggregate by mass (weight).
- (6) The slump at point of placement shall be $175 \text{ mm} \pm 25 \text{ mm}$ ($7 \pm 1 \text{ in.}$). If concrete is placed to displace drilling fluid, or against temporary casing, the slump shall be $200 \text{ mm} \pm 25 \text{ mm}$ ($8 \pm 1 \text{ in.}$) at point of placement. The concrete mix shall be designed to remain fluid throughout the anticipated duration of the pour plus 1 hour.
- (7) An air entraining admixture shall be required and the air content range shall be 4.0 to 7.0 percent.
- (8) The minimum compressive strength shall be 27,500 kPa (4000 psi) at 14 days. The minimum flexural strength shall be 4,650 kPa (675 psi) at 14 days.
- (9) A retarding admixture shall be required.
- (10) A water-reducing or high range water-reducing admixture shall be required.
- (11) An accelerating admixture may be used with the permission of the Engineer in extraordinary situations.
- (12) The coarse aggregate shall be a CA 13, CA 14, CA 16 or a blend of these gradations. The fine aggregate shall consist of sand only according to Article 1003.01(a).

At the Engineers discretion, and at no additional cost to the Department, the Contractor may be required to conduct a minimum 0.76 cu m (1 cu yd) trial batch to verify the mix design.

- (b) The sand-cement grout mix used to fill any visible gaps, which may exist between the permanent casing and either the drilled excavation or temporary casing, shall be as follows:
 - (1) A Type I or II cement shall be used at 110 kg/cu m (185 lb/cu yd). When specified in the plans that soil and ground water sulfate contaminates exceed 500 parts per million, a Type V cement shall be required. The cement shall be according to Section 1001.
 - (2) The fine aggregate shall be according to Articles 1003.01 and 1003.02.

(3) The water shall be according to Section 1002.

(4) The maximum water shall be sufficient to provide a flowable mixture with a typical slump of 254 mm (10 in.).

(c) Reinforcement shall be according to Section 508 of the Standard Specifications.

(d) Drilling slurry, when required, shall consist of a polymer or mineral base material. Mineral slurry shall have both a mineral grain size that will remain in suspension with sufficient viscosity and gel characteristics to transport excavated material to a suitable screening system. The percentage and specific gravity of the material used to make the suspension shall be sufficient to maintain the stability of the excavation and to allow proper concrete placement. For polymer slurry, the calcium hardness of the mixing water shall not exceed 100 mg/L.

(e) Permanent casing, when required, shall be fabricated from steel satisfying ASTM A252 Grade 2, produced by electric seam, butt, or spiral welding to satisfy the outside diameter(s) and lengths shown in the contract plans or as shown in the Contractor's installation procedure. The minimum wall thickness shall be as required to resist the anticipated installation and dewatering stresses, as determined by the Contractor, but in no case less than 6 mm (1/4 in.).

Equipment. The drilling equipment shall have adequate capacity, including power, torque and down thrust, to create a shaft excavation of the maximum diameter specified to a depth of 20 percent beyond the depths shown on the plans. Standby equipment of sufficient capacity shall be available so that there will be no delay in placing of the concrete once the operation has started. Concrete equipment shall be according to Article 1020.03 of the Standard Specifications.

Construction Requirements. Excavation for drilled shaft(s) shall not proceed until written authorization is received from the Engineer. The Contractor shall furnish an installation log for each shaft installed. Excavation by blasting shall not be permitted unless authorized in writing by the Engineer.

No shaft excavation shall be made within 4 shaft diameters center to center of a shaft with concrete that has a compressive strength less than 10,342 kPa (1500 psi) unless otherwise approved in the Contractor's installation procedure. The site-specific soil strengths and installation methods selected will determine the actual required minimum spacing, if any, to address vibration and blow out concerns.

Materials removed or generated from the shaft excavations shall be disposed of by the Contractor according to Article 202.03 of the Standard Specifications.

The Contractor's methods and equipment shall be suitable for the anticipated conditions and the following requirements noted below:

(a) Construction Tolerances. The following construction tolerances shall apply to all drilled shafts unless otherwise stated in the contract documents:

- (1) The center of the drilled shaft shall be within 75 mm (3 in.) of the plan station and offset at the top of the shaft.
- (2) The center of the reinforcement cage shall be within 38 mm (1 1/2 in.) of plan station and offset at the top of the shaft.
- (3) The out of vertical plumbness of the shaft shall not exceed 1.5 percent.
- (4) The out of vertical plumbness of the shaft reinforcement cage shall not exceed 0.83 percent.
- (5) The top of the reinforcing steel cage shall be no more than 25 mm (1 in.) above and no more than 75 mm (3 in.) below the plan elevation.
- (6) The top of the shaft shall be no more than 25 mm (1 in.) above and no more than 75 mm (3 in.) below the plan elevation.
- (7) Excavation equipment and methods used to complete the shaft excavation shall have a nearly planar bottom. The cutting edges of excavation equipment used to create the bottom of shafts in rock shall be normal to the vertical axis of the shaft within a tolerance of 6.25 percent.

(b) Construction Methods. The construction of drilled shafts may involve the use of one or more of the following methods to support the excavation during the various phases of shaft drilling, cleaning and concrete placement dependent on the site conditions encountered. The following are general descriptions indicating the conditions when these methods may be used:

- (1) Dry Method. The dry method consists of drilling the shaft excavation, removing accumulated water and loose material from the excavation, placing the reinforcing cage, and concrete in a predominately dry excavation. This method shall be used only at sites where the groundwater and soil conditions are suitable to permit the drilling and dewatering of the excavation without causing excessive water infiltration, boiling, squeezing, or caving of the shaft side walls. This method allows the concrete placement by tremie or concrete pumps, or if the excavation can be dewatered, the concrete can be placed by free fall within the limits specified for concrete placement.
- (2) Wet Method. The wet construction method may be used at sites where dewatering the excavation would cause collapse of the shaft sidewalls or when the volume and head of water flowing into the shaft is likely to contaminate the concrete during placement resulting in a shaft defect. This method uses water or slurry to maintain stability of the shaft perimeter while advancing the excavation. After the excavation is completed, the water level in the shaft is allowed to seek equilibrium, the base is

cleaned, the reinforcing cage is set and the concrete is discharged at the base using a tremie pipe or concrete pump, displacing the drilling fluid upwards.

- (3) Temporary Casing Method. Temporary casing shall be used when either the wet or dry methods provide inadequate support to prevent sidewall caving or ensure excessive deformation of the hole. Temporary casing may also be used to reduce the flow of water into the excavation to allow dewatering, adequate cleaning and inspection, or to insure proper concrete placement. Temporary casing left in place may constitute a shaft defect; no temporary casing will be allowed to remain permanently in place without the specific approval of the Engineer.

Before the temporary casing is broken loose, the level of concrete in the casing shall be a minimum of 1.5 m (5 ft) above the bottom of the casing. After being broken loose and as the casing is withdrawn, additional concrete shall be added to maintain sufficient head so that water and soil trapped behind the casing can be displaced upward and discharged at the ground surface without contaminating the concrete in the shaft or at the finished construction joint.

- (4) Permanent Casing Method. When called for on the plans or proposed as part of the Contractor's accepted installation procedure, the Contractor shall install a permanent casing of the diameter, length, thickness and strength specified. When permanent casings are used, the lateral loading design requires intimate contact between the casing and the surrounding soils. If the installation procedure used to set the permanent casing results in annular voids between the permanent casing and the drilled excavation, the voids shall be filled with a sand-cement grout to maintain the lateral load capacity of the surrounding soil, as assumed in the design. No permanent casing will be allowed to remain in place beyond the limits shown on the plans without the specific approval of the Engineer.

- (5) Removable Forms. When the shaft extends above streambed through a body of water and permanent casing is not shown, the portion above the streambed shall be formed with removable casings, column forms, or other forming systems as approved by the Engineer. The forming system shall not scar or spall the finished concrete or leave in place any forms or casing within the removable form limits as shown on the plans unless approved as part of the installation procedure. The forming system shall not be removed until the concrete has attained a minimum compressive strength of 17,237 kPa (2500 psi) and cured for a minimum of 72 hours. For shafts extending through water, the concrete shall be protected from water action after placement for a minimum of 7 days.

- (c) Slurry. If the Contractor proposes to use a method of slurry construction, it shall be submitted with the installation plan. During construction, the level of the slurry shall be maintained at a height sufficient to prevent caving of the hole. In the event of a sudden or significant loss of slurry to the hole, the construction of that foundation shall be stopped and the shaft excavation backfilled or supported by temporary casing, until a method to stop slurry loss, or an alternate construction procedure has been approved by the Engineer.

- (d) Obstructions. Obstructions shall be defined as any object (such as but not limited to, boulders, logs, old foundations etc.) that cannot be removed with normal earth drilling procedures but requires special augers, tooling, core barrels or rock augers to remove the obstruction. When obstructions are encountered, the Contractor shall notify the Engineer and upon concurrence of the Engineer, the Contractor shall begin working to core, break up, push aside, or remove the obstruction. Lost tools or equipment in the excavation as a result of the Contractor's operation shall not be defined as obstructions and shall be removed at the Contractor's expense.
- (e) Top of Rock. The actual top of rock will be defined as the point when material is encountered which can not be drilled with a conventional earth auger and/or underreaming tool, and requires the use of special rock augers, core barrels, air tools, blasting or other methods of hand excavation.
- (f) Sidewall overreaming. Sidewall overreaming shall be required when the sidewall of the hole is determined by the Engineer to have either softened due to the excavation methods, swelled due to delay in concreting, or degraded because of slurry cake buildup. It may also be required to correct a shaft excavation which has been drilled out of tolerance. Overreaming thickness shall be a minimum of 13 mm (1/2 in.). Overreaming may be accomplished with a grooving tool, overreaming bucket or other approved equipment. Any extra concrete needed as a result of the overreaming shall be furnished and installed at the Contractor's expense.
- (g) Excavation Inspection. The Contractor shall be responsible for verification of the dimensions and alignment of each shaft excavation as directed by the Engineer. Unless otherwise specified in the contract documents, the Contractor's cleaning operation shall be adjusted so that a minimum of 50 percent of the base of each shaft shall have less than 13 mm (1/2 in.) of sediment or debris at the time of placement of the concrete. The maximum depth of sediment or any debris at any place on the base of the shaft shall not exceed 38 mm (1 1/2 in.).

Shaft cleanliness will be determined by the Contractor using the methods as submitted in their installation procedure. Visual inspection coupled with the use of a weighted tape may also be used to confirm adequate cleanliness.

- (h) Design Modifications. If the top of rock elevation differs from that shown on the plans by more than 10 percent of the length of the shaft above the rock, the Engineer shall be contacted to determine if any drilled shaft design changes may be required. In addition, if the type of soil or rock encountered is not similar to that shown in the subsurface exploration data, the Contractor may be required to extend the drilled shaft length(s) beyond those specified in the plans. In either case, the Engineer will determine if revisions are necessary and the extent of the modifications required.
- (i) Reinforcement Cage Construction and Placement. The shaft excavation shall be cleaned, inspected and accepted prior to placing the reinforcement cage. The reinforcement cage

shall be completely assembled prior to drilling and be ready for adjustment in length as required by the conditions encountered. The cage shall be lifted using multiple point sling straps or other approved methods to avoid cage distortion or stress. Additional cross frame stiffeners may also be required for lifting or to keep the cage in proper position during lifting and concrete placement.

The Contractor shall attach suitable centralizers to keep the cage away from the sides of the shaft excavation and ensure that at no point will the finished shaft have less than the minimum concrete cover(s) shown on the plans. The cage centralizers or other approved non-corrosive spacing devices shall be used at sufficient intervals (near the bottom and at intervals not exceeding 3 m (10 ft) throughout the length of the shaft) to ensure proper cage alignment and clearance for the entire shaft.

If the top of rock encountered is deeper than estimated in the plans, and/or if the conditions differ such that the length of the shaft is increased, additional longitudinal bars shall be either mechanically spliced or lap spliced to the lower end of the cage and confined with either hoop ties or spirals to provide the additional length. If the additional shaft length is less than the lap splice shown, subject to the approval of the Engineer, a mechanical splice may be used in lieu of the lap splice in order to take advantage of or utilize that lap length in the extension of the shaft reinforcement. The Contractor shall have additional reinforcement available or fabricate the cages with additional length as necessary to make the required adjustments in a timely manner as dictated by the encountered conditions. The additional reinforcement may be non-epoxy coated at the option of the Contractor. Any reinforcement fabricated in advance but not incorporated into the installed shaft(s) shall not be paid for but shall remain the property of the Contractor.

- (j) Concrete placement. Concrete work shall be performed according to the applicable portions of Section 503 of the Standard Specifications and as specified herein.

Concrete shall be placed as soon as possible after reinforcing steel is set and secured in proper position. The pour shall be made in a continuous manner from the bottom to the top elevation of the shaft as shown on the contract plan or as approved in the Contractor's installation procedure. Concrete placement shall continue after the shaft excavation is full and until good quality, uncontaminated concrete is evident at the top of shaft. The elapsed time from the beginning of concrete placement in the shaft to the completion of the placement shall not exceed 2 hours. The Contractor may request a longer placement time provided the concrete mix maintains the minimum slump requirements over the longer placement time as demonstrated by trial mix and slump loss tests. Concrete shall be placed either by free fall, or through a tremie or concrete pump subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The free fall placement shall only be permitted in shafts that can be dewatered to ensure less than 75 mm (3 in.) of standing water exist at the time of placement without causing side wall instability. The maximum height of free fall placement shall not exceed 18.3 m (60 ft). Concrete placed by free fall shall fall directly to the base without contacting either the rebar cage or hole sidewall. Drop chutes may be used to direct concrete to the base during free fall placement.

Drop chutes used to direct placement of free fall concrete shall consist of a smooth tube of either one continuous section or multiple pieces that can be added and removed. Concrete may be placed through either a hopper at the top of the tube or side openings as the drop chute is retrieved during concrete placement. The drop chute shall be supported so that the free fall does not exceed 18.3 m (60 ft) at all times and to ensure the concrete does not strike the rebar cage. If placement cannot be satisfactorily accomplished by free fall in the opinion of the Engineer, the Contractor shall use either tremie or pumping to accomplish the pour.

- (2) Tremies shall consist of a tube of sufficient length, weight, and diameter to discharge the initial concrete at the base of the shaft. The tremie shall be according to Article 503.08 of the Standard Specifications and contain no aluminum parts that may have contact with the concrete. The inside and outside surfaces of the tremie shall be clean and smooth to permit both flow of concrete and unimpeded withdrawal during concrete placement.
- (3) Concrete pumps: Pumps and lines may be used for concrete placement and shall have a minimum 100 mm (4 in.) diameter.

The tremie or pump lines used for wet method concrete placement shall be watertight and not begin discharge until placed within 250 mm (10 in.) of the shaft base. Valves, bottom plates or plugs may be used only when they can be removed from the excavation or be of a material approved by the Engineer that will not cause a defect in the shaft if not removed. The discharge end shall be immersed at least 1.5 m (5 ft) in concrete at all times after starting the pour. Sufficient concrete head shall be maintained in the tremie at all times to prevent water or slurry intrusion in the shaft concrete.

If at any time during the concrete pour in the "wet" hole, the tremie or pump line orifice is removed from the fluid concrete and discharges through drilling fluid or water above the rising concrete level, the shaft may be considered defective.

Vibration of concrete is not recommended when placed while displacing drilling fluid or water. In dry excavations, vibration is allowed only in the top 3 m (10 ft) of the shaft.

Conformity with Contract. In addition to Article 105.03, the Contractor shall be responsible for correcting all out of tolerance excavations and completed shafts as well as repairing any defects in the shaft to the satisfaction of the Engineer at no additional cost to the Department. No time extensions will be allowed to repair or replace unacceptable work. When a shaft excavation is completed with unacceptable tolerances, the Contractor will be required to submit for approval his/her proposed corrective measures. Any proposed design modification with computations submitted by the Contractor shall be signed and sealed by an Illinois licensed Structural Engineer.

Method of Measurement. The items Drilled Shaft in Soil and Drilled Shaft in Rock, will be measured for payment and the length computed in meters (feet) for all drilled shafts installed according to the plans, specifications, and accepted by the Engineer. The length shall be measured at each shaft. The length in soil will be defined as the difference in elevation between the top of the drilled shaft shown on the plans, or as installed as part of the Contractor's installation procedure, and the bottom of the shaft or the top of rock (when present) whichever is higher. The length in rock will be defined as the difference in elevation between the measured top of rock and the bottom of the shaft. When permanent casing is installed as specified on the plans, it will be measured in meters (feet) and shall be the length of casing installed.

Basis of Payment. This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per meter (foot) for DRILLED SHAFT IN SOIL, and/or DRILLED SHAFT IN ROCK, of the diameter(s) specified. The price shall be payment in full for all labor, materials, equipment, and services necessary to complete the work as specified. When the shaft is detailed with a belled base, furnishing and installing it shall not be paid for separately but shall be included in the cost of the appropriate drilled shaft item(s).

When permanent casing is furnished and installed as specified, it will be paid for at the contract unit price per meter (foot) for PERMANENT CASING. Permanent casing installed at the Contractor's option shall not be included in this item, but shall be considered as included in the appropriate drilled shaft item(s) above.

Obstruction mitigation shall be paid for according to Article 109.04 of the Standard Specifications.

No additional compensation, other than noted above, will be allowed for removing and disposing of excavated materials, for furnishing and placing concrete, bracing, lining, temporary casings placed and removed or left in place, for grouting of any voids, or for any excavation made or concrete placed outside of the plan diameter(s) of the shaft(s) specified.

Reinforcement bars, spirals and ties shall be as specified and paid for under the items, REINFORCEMENT BARS or REINFORCEMENT BARS EPOXY COATED, according to Section 508 of the Standard Specifications.